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by deleting all language following the caption and by substituting instead the following:

WHEREAS, the foundation of any government is law and morality; and

WHEREAS, governments rely on the virtue of their citizens to preserve domestic tranquility; and

WHEREAS, moral decline in society constitutes a threat to the welfare of any state; and

WHEREAS, we have witnessed a breakdown in our own culture due to neglect and disregard of these basic standards; and

WHEREAS, a return to these standards would greatly benefit all people; and

WHEREAS, the 99th General Assembly continues to recognize the protection that the U.S. Constitution provides against the establishment of a state religion and affirms that constitutional principle as being consistent with the doctrines of grace and faith through a sincere belief in God rather than by decree of law; and

WHEREAS, the 99th General Assembly also finds that the constitutional protection of the freedom to worship was never intended to be used to encourage a complete separation of the laws of our society from the moral principles upon which this nation and state were founded; and

WHEREAS, the Ten Commandments, perhaps the most revered tenets of the Judeo-Christian faiths, are the foundation and basis of many of our laws and are clearly one to the greatest embodiments of the core moral principles upon which our nation was founded; and

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WHEREAS, other teachings of the Judeo-Christian faiths and of other faiths reflect and expand upon the moral principles upon which our nation was founded; and

WHEREAS, the Founding Fathers of our Republic respected the place that the Ten Commandments occupy in the history of law and government; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE NINETY-NINTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES CONCURRING, That the 99th General Assembly encourages all citizens of Tennessee to remember the Ten Commandments as the historical foundation of our civil and criminal codes, as perhaps the most revered tenets of the Judeo-Christian faiths, and as the foundation of our nation's moral strength.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That the 99th General Assembly encourages all citizens of Tennessee to recognize, honor and observe the fundamental tenets of their faith that help maintain the foundation principles of law and morality.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That the 99th General Assembly encourages all citizens of Tennessee who recognize the precepts of the Ten Commandments to observe the Ten Commandments, teach them to their children, and display them in their homes, businesses and schools.